(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) announced today that Congress this week approved a \$1 million federal earmark for Youngstown State University which Ryan had inserted into a Defense Department spending bill. The money will expand Youngstown State University's CyberEnabled Industrial Innovation Center (CEIIC).

The program, which is administered by YSU's Chemistry Department, allows off-campus research and academic institutions to remotely access certain YSU research and testing equipment via the Internet. Expanding the YSU CEIIC program will allow the already successful academic research program to begin providing direct services to industry.

"The CyberEnabled technology program is a great example of the innovation now taking place across the Mahoning Valley," said Congressman Ryan. "I believe very strongly that we need to continue to support these types of programs and also look for more ways to fully develop our area's potential.

I'm extremely proud to have been able to get this money for Youngstown State University."